Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) ~~An active~~ A head restraint arrangement for a vehicle seat, the head restraint arrangement ~~passenger seats in motor vehicles providing upward and forward protective motion for occupants head and neck in instances of rear impact~~ comprising:

a head restraint post associated with the vehicle seat;

a flip-up assembly including a lower flip-up member disposed proximate the head restraint post, a middle flip-up member disposed proximate the lower flip-up member, and a top flip-up member pivotally connected to the middle flip-up member; and

a head restraint cushion disposed proximate the top, middle, and lower flip-up members;

~~at least one head restraint post extending from said head restraint cushion and into the interior of said passenger seats; and~~

~~a flip-up assembly associated with said head restraint post beneath said head restraint cushion~~ wherein the top flip-up member is adapted to move from a deactivated position in which the top flip-up member extends away from a head of an occupant to an activated position in which the top flip-up member is disposed above the middle flip-up member to support the head of the occupant.

2. (currently amended) The ~~active~~ head restraint arrangement as in claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the flip-up assembly further comprises a spring-loaded release arm disposed proximate the head restraint post, a frame attached to [[a]] the spring-loaded release arm, ~~a latch with teeth, top flip-up member, a push rod, a middle flip-up member,~~ a pivot arm having a latch with teeth configured to be engaged by the spring-loaded release arm, and ~~a lower flip-up member~~ a push rod pivotally coupled to the pivot arm at a first end and pivotally coupled to the top flip-up member at a second end.

3. (currently amended) The ~~active~~ head restraint arrangement as in claim 2, wherein ~~said~~ the frame is connected to a trigger mechanism associated with ~~said~~ the ~~passenger seat or the motor~~ vehicle seat and upon activation of ~~said~~ the trigger mechanism ~~said~~ the frame disengages from ~~said~~ the spring loaded release arm, ~~; said~~ the spring loaded release arm rotates and enables upward movement of ~~said~~ the push rod, ~~; said the spring-loaded release arm is thereby locked to a stop;~~ and movement of ~~said~~ the push rod enables ~~said~~ the pivot arm to release ~~said~~ the top flip-up member, ~~said~~ the middle flip-up member; and ~~said~~ the lower flip-up member.

4. (currently amended) The ~~active~~ head restraint arrangement as in claim 2 [[3]], wherein ~~said~~ the spring-loaded release arm ~~is spring-loaded counterclockwise~~ further comprises a spring adapted to bias the spring-loaded release arm toward the deactivated position.

5. (currently amended) The ~~active~~ head restraint arrangement as in claim 1 [[3]], wherein upon release of ~~said~~ the top flip-up member, ~~said~~ the middle flip-up member, and ~~said~~ the lower flip-up member ~~said~~ at least a portion of the flip-up assembly moves upward and forward.

6. (currently amended) The ~~active~~ head restraint arrangement as in claim 2 [[3]], wherein upon full actuation and release of ~~said~~ the ~~top flip-up member, said middle flip-up member, and said lower~~ flip-up assembly ~~member said~~ the spring loaded release arm ~~locked to a stop snaps back and locks into~~ engages the latch with teeth to inhibit movement of the flip-up assembly.

7. (currently amended) The ~~active~~ head restraint arrangement as in claim 2 [[3]], wherein the push rod has a generally H-shaped configuration ~~cross member of said limits movement of spring loaded release arm~~.

8. (currently amended) The ~~active~~ head restraint arrangement as in claim 1 [[3]], wherein the spring-loaded release arm is pivotally disposed on the head restraint post ~~activated said flip-up assembly is reset into deactivated position after full actuation upon impact~~.

9. (currently amended) The ~~active~~ head restraint arrangement as in claim 1 [[8]], wherein ~~activated said~~ the flip-up assembly is configured to be manually reset into [[a]] the deactivated position ~~manually or with the aid of a tool~~.